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SUBJECT: SAHARA: FIGHTING RESUMES

1. AT 1300Z JAN. 28, ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE, REFERRING TO "INFORMATION PUBLISHED YESTERDAY" AND CITING WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, SAID THAT FIGHTING IN SAHARA HAD RESUMED ON MORNING JAN. 28 AND WAS CONTINUING.

2. ALGIERS RADIO MONITORED 1300Z JAN. 28 REPORTS THAT IRAQI INFORMATION MINISTER TARIQ AZIZ HAS ARRIVED IN ALGIERS AND HAS DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE MESSAGE FROM IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR. AZIZ'S VISIT APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE FROM PHONE CALL FROM BOUMEDIENE TO BAKR JAN. 27.

3. WE NOTE REPORTS OF FOLLOWING CONTACTS BETWEEN VARIOUS LEADERS IN REGION ON SAHARA CRISIS:

A. BOUMEDIENE HAS TELEPHONED SADAT, ASSAD, AND BAKR.

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B. SADAT HAS TELEPHONED HASSAN AND HASSAN LATER
TELEPHONED SADAT.

C. BOURGUIBA HAS TELEPHONED BOTH BOUMEDIENE AND
HASSAN, REPORTEDLY COUNSELING MODERATION.

4. COMMENT: MILITARY SITUATION STILL TOTALLY UNCLEAR.
REPORT CITED PARA 1 ABOVE IS FIRST INDICATION BY
ALGERIANS THAT FIGHTING WITH MOROCCANS WAS EVER
STOPPED.LYNE

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